

Section 1505 - Planning Commission

1505.01 Establishment. The Planning Commission (the "Commission") of the City is to continue. It shall serve as the planning agency within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes 462.351 through 462.364. In such capacity, the Commission shall be advisory to the Council.

1505.02 Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities. The Commission shall:

A. **Comprehensive Plan.** Prepare, review, and make recommendations to the Council as to the Comprehensive Plan of the City, as defined in Section 835 of this Code, or any other sections of this Code, including, but not limited to, a land use plan, a transportation plan, a community facilities plan, a capital improvements program, a parks and open space plan, and a housing plan, with recommendations as to plan execution.

B. **Platting.** Review and make recommendations to the Council as to all proposed plats and subdivisions, as defined in Section 810 of this Code, in accordance with the provisions of Section 810 and State law.

C. **Zoning.** Review and make recommendations to the Council as to all proposed amendments to Section 850 of this Code, in accordance with the provisions of Section 850 and State law.

D. **Heritage Preservation.** Review and make recommendations to the Council as to the reports and recommendations of the Heritage Preservation Board regarding preservation of lands and buildings of historical, architectural, cultural, and educational significance pursuant to Subsection 850.20 and Section 1504 of this Code.

E. **Low and Moderate Cost Housing.** Review and make recommendations to the Council as to matters referred to it by the Council relating to the provision of low and moderate cost housing.

F. **Commercial, Industrial, or Residential Redevelopment.** Review and make recommendations to the Council on matters the Council may request relating to major commercial, industrial, or residential redevelopments in the City.

1505.03 Representatives to Zoning Board of Appeals. All members of the Commission except student members are to continue as representatives of the Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any such representative is authorized to review and report, for or on behalf of the Commission, to the Zoning Board of Appeals on matters coming before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

1505.04 Membership. The Commission shall consist of nine regular and two student members, appointed with due regard to their fitness for the efficient dispatch of the functions, duties, and responsibilities vested in and imposed upon the Commission.

1505.05 Staff. The Planning Department shall coordinate staff services, including secretarial, to assist the Commission in its work. The Manager may assign additional City staff as needed. Staff shall keep and maintain a written record of the Commission's actions, resolutions, recommendations and findings which shall be a public record.

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Reference: M.S. 462.351 through 462.364

Cross Reference: Sections, 801, 810, 850, 1500